

## News briefs

### Memorial service

A memorial service for Yasmin Bassut took place Thursday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel.

The Bitburg High School English teacher died in a two-vehicle accident at approximately 1:00 a.m. Saturday on L-39 near the town of Binsfeld. Two others were injured and transported to a local hospital.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by German officials.

Bassut joined the BHS facility in August 2000 after working in schools in Texas and England, according to Robert P. Kubarek, BHS principal. She has taught drama and language arts in addition to sponsoring the freshman class, the debate team and coaching soccer.

"Bassut inspired many students and staff during her three years at BHS. She was a dedicated educator and her contributions to the school will always be appreciated and remembered. Her genuine care and compassion, her honesty and belief in her students was obvious and will be greatly missed," wrote Kubarek in a letter to BHS students, parents and community members.

Cards and letters to Bassut's family may be dropped off at the guidance office.

### Protest at Binsfeld

A peaceful protest is scheduled to take place in the Binsfeld today at 4 p.m.

The group, which received permission from the German government to stage the protest, is against a possible future war with Iraq.

### Moves to building 128

The following units will be at minimum manning or close on the dates listed due relocation to building 128.

■The 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Traffic Management Office, to include passenger travel, SATO travel and household goods, is at minimum manning Thursday and Nov. 22. People needing commercial ticket assistance from SATO Travel should accomplish all business by Nov. 21, because ticket systems will be off-line that day. The office reopens Nov. 25. Call Capt. Julie Wende or Master Sgt. Richard Barnes at 452-7188 for more information.

■The 52nd Comptroller Squadron closes Nov. 22. ABSS and Leave Web will also be down this day. Also, the finance office offers reduced customer service Monday through Nov. 27 due to the move.

### 606TH deploys to NATO Summit

The 606 Air Control Squadron heads out this week on a two-day convoy to Prague, Czechoslovakia to provide security at the upcoming NATO Summit.

Operations and maintenance specialists equipped with communication and data link equipment will be working in close corporation with Czech military air defense forces for 12 days to provide command and control of fighter aircraft patrolling the skies over the city during the summit. Providing security for summit representatives against possible terrorist attacks has led to unprecedented cooperation between German, Czech, and U.S. governments.

The 606 ACS is one of two mobile command and control squadrons in Europe. Their mission makes them ideally suited for this operation.

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### Return to duty

Senior Airman David Wright, Airman 1st Class Justin Hicks and Senior Airman Richard Armprister, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, go over an inspection checklist for the squadron A-10 "Warthog" No. 985. The aircraft sustained major damage during a November 1999 landing accident. The aircraft is now undergoing acceptance checks after extensive repairs and has since returned to the flightline.

## Anthrax vaccination program to resume at Spangdahlem AB

### Air Force leaders give green light to protect airmen from bio threat

By 2nd Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In a move to protect airmen from a deadly biological warfare agent, the Air Force Chief of Staff reinstated the anthrax vaccine immunization program with a memo released Oct. 11.

Gen. John Jumper directed the implementation of base-level AVIP teams to develop local vaccination plans, including a large education effort for commanders, individual military members and their families.

"Given the current world situation and the anthrax attacks we saw following the events of Sept. 11, we welcome the resumption of this vital force protection program," said Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "The health and safety of our men and women is our number one concern.

"Anthrax inhalation killed five people in our country after 9-11. So we know the threat is deadly and real."

The AVIP first started in 1998, mainly for those personnel assigned or deployed to Southwest Asia and Korea. Since then, the program has undergone changes. Most recently, the Food and Drug Administration approved vaccine was given only to a small number of people due to a slowdown resulting from production and supply issues.

Vaccinations have now been expanded to include priority II personnel, who are those assigned or deployed for greater than 15 consecutive days to designated higher threat areas, primarily Southwest Asia.

"As supplies increase, the program will expand to those who are likely to deploy to high threat areas," said Lt. Col. Rebecca Brown, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander.

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## Operation Season's Greetings kicks off with free concert

### Show features opportunity for Eifel youth to get close to country music stars

One of country music's brightest new stars, Jamie O'Neal, and a group with a history of gold records, Restless Heart, perform here Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center as the headliners for Operation Seasons Greetings 2002.

Jamie O'Neal was the first female artist in more than five years to have a debut song, "There is No Arizona," skyrocket to No. 1 and have her second release, "When I Think about Angels," rise to the top position, also. The success of both songs took her first album, "Shiver," to gold record status.

But she has a long way to go to catch up with the gold garnered by Restless Heart -- five gold albums and seven number one singles in a row. During the first ten years of

their career, the group received more than a dozen Grammy, Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music award nominations. The group disbanded in 1996 as the members pursued solo careers. OSG 2002 is their first major tour since re-uniting earlier this year.

"We are very excited to have entertainers like Jamie O'Neal and Restless Heart for OSG 2002," said Mitch Marovitz, director of entertainment for the United Services Organization,

the show's co-sponsor. "Our troops -- and their families -- sacrifice much so that we might be able to live in freedom. I'm so proud to have this opportunity to help bring the finest entertainment our nation has to offer to them, wherever they may be."

Winners of the Academy of Country Music's "Top New Vocal Group of the Year"

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‘Know before you go’

# No recreational riding, according to TDY rental car rules

By Lt. Col. David Kemplin  
52nd Staff Judge Advocate acting claims officer

Members sometimes get TDY orders, which authorize a rental car. Although it’s often necessary to have transportation, it’s also necessary to know the rules about renting the vehicle while on deployment.

Paragraph T4025 (Appendix O) of the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (applies to military personnel) and the Joint Travel Regulations (applies to civilian employees) require members to make transportation arrangements, including rental cars, through the commercial travel office.

For rental cars, the military traffic management command entered into an agreement with many rental car companies, both in the United States and abroad. The agreement provides guaranteed rates and conditions for the rental, and insurance for the benefit of the traveler and the United States Government. Vehicles included under the MTMC agreement are cars and mini-vans, but not sport utility vehicles.

According to Paragraph T4030 of the JFTRs and JTRs state, unless a special vehicle is needed or members need to rent a vehicle in a place where none of the car rental companies subscribe to the MTMC agreement, members must rent vehicles from a MTMC participating company. To do that, simply let the travel office make the reservation.

Once the vehicle is rented, the JFTRs and the JTRs specify the vehicle may only be used for official purposes. These are defined as “transportation to and from duty sites, lodgings, dining facilities, drugstores, barber shops, places of worship, cleaning establishments, and similar places required for the traveler’s subsistence, health or comfort,” JFTR, para 3415G; JTR, para C2102E.

There has been some confusion as to whether members can rent cars and use them for recreational uses during a TDY. Currently, the JFTRs and JTRs don’t authorize such use. Moreover, the MTMC agreement, under which most vehicles

will be rented, is only for vehicles rented and used for official business.

As of October, the MTMC agreement’s insurance provisions provide full comprehensive and collision coverage for the rental vehicle. Therefore, damage to the vehicle will be covered, unless one of the specific exceptions within the agreement qualifies:

- Intentionally damaging the vehicle or obtaining it through fraud.
- Driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- Using it for an illegal purpose.
- Using it to push or tow another vehicle.
- Using it to carry passengers for hire.
- Operating it in live fire exercises or for tactical maneuvers.
- Racing or allowing an unauthorized driver to drive.
- Driving across international boundaries without the permission of the rental agency.

■ Losing the vehicle to theft because the keys were left in it.

■ Driving off paved roads.

When members are traveling at a location where vehicles aren’t available under the MTMC agreement, vehicle damage may be covered under VISA, presuming the vehicles were rented using government travel cards. To be effective, members must report the damage not later than 20 days after it occurs. Call 1-800-VISA-911 for assistance.

The damage is paid as a travel expense for vehicles not rented under the MTMC agreement and where VISA coverage doesn’t apply.

What about the other party in the accident? Member must report accidents to the rental car company. They also need to get a copy of the accident reports. When possible, call the nearest Air Force legal office to report the accident.

For more information, call the base claims officer at 452-6796.

## Accidents

By John W. Keeler  
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, eight of which were major. One resulted in a fatality.

The first accident took place at the intersection of Hillstrasse and Dudeldorfer Strasse in Spangdahlem. A Bitburg Polizei investigation revealed that an airman lost control of his vehicle, it left the hardened surface and came to a final rest within a ditch. There were no injuries. The vehicle sustained disabling damage to the driver side and was towed from the scene.

The second took place in the Bitburg High School parking lot. A bus operator told security forces that he intended to put his vehicle in reverse when his foot slipped off the brake, and inadvertently hit the accelerator, causing the bus to rear-end another vehicle. The accident caused the second vehicle’s rear window to shatter. Two people in the vehicle sustained slight injuries. The bus sustained cracks to the right windshield, dents and scratches.

The third accident took place happened on B-50 at the intersection of L-46. Bitburg Polizei reported that an airman attempted to enter B-50 when an eastbound vehicle traveling on B-50 hit his vehicle. The collision caused the eastbound vehicle to glance of the first and end up in a ditch. The driver of the first vehicle was injured and was transported to the Bitburg emergency room for immediate treatment. The first vehicle sustained damage to the driver side, hood and bumper. The second sustained a dented front driver side, front grill and front bumper. Both vehicles were

towed from the scene.

The fourth accident happened on B-257 in the vicinity of Seinsfeld. An airman reported to security forces that in his attempt to miss a deer crossing the roadway, he maneuvered his vehicle, lost contact with the roadway and slid across the roadway into the opposite lane and ultimately landing in a nearby ditch. There were no injuries. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

The fifth accident took place L-46 between Rodt and Scheiweiler. An airman reported yet another accident involving a deer. This accident happened when his attempt to miss the deer succeeded, but he ultimately lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a guardrail on the side of the road. There were no injuries. The vehicle sustained disabling damage to the headlights, bumper and driver side front quarter panel.

The sixth accident was on the B-50 at the intersection of L-39. An airman reported that he witnessed a local national roll through a stop sign and cross his path during a period of reduced visibility. The airman attempted to avoid colliding with the other vehicle, but was unsuccessful. There were no injuries. Both vehicles sustained unknown disabling damage and towed from the scene.

The seventh accident took place in Binsfeld on L-39. An anonymous individual reported to the security forces that there had been an accident in Binsfeld. Patrols were immediately dispatched to the location and found that Wittlich Polizei were on

the scene conducting a preliminary investigation.

A Polizei investigation revealed that a local national who was driving in the direction of Binsfeld from Herforst lost control of his vehicle after its wheels left the road. As the driver attempted to correct his vehicle’s direction, it crossed into the path of oncoming traffic, resulting in a collision. An oncoming vehicle driven by a civilian employee hit the local national’s vehicle in the passenger-side door.

The civilian driver of the vehicle suffered fatal injuries and her two passengers were transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus with unknown injuries believed to be serious. The local national was found to have been operating his vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The accident investigation is still pending.

The last accident of the week took place was on A-3 in the vicinity of Montabaur. A civilian employee reported that as he attempted to change lanes his wheels began to slide, lost control and crashed his vehicle. There were no injuries. The Koblenz Polizei cited and fined the operator for traveling too fast for conditions. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The 12 minor accidents involved:

- Six from inattentive driving
  - Four while backing
  - One as speed too fast for conditions
  - One identified as the fault of another
- In addition, 32 citations were issued.

## AVIP

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More than 525,000 military members have received the shot since the program began in 1998, said Brown. Approximately 1500 Spangdahlem airmen have already received at least one vaccine in the six-dose series.

“Until there is enough vaccine for everyone, this policy protects all those who are most likely to come into harm’s way,” said Brown.

The threat of anthrax is multiplied by how easy it can be delivered. The bacteria produce spores that can be processed to become easily airborne. Anthrax can travel downwind for hundreds of miles and be delivered by missiles, rockets, artillery, aerial bombs and sprayers.

Anthrax can be contracted via skin contact, through ingestion and via inhalation. Skin contact is the most common, however inhalation is the deadliest ... if left untreated the death rate is 99 percent.

Even when treated in modern medical facilities, 45 to 80 percent of infected individuals are at risk of dying. Vaccination offers a layer of protection in addition to antibiotics and other measures.

“This vaccine is as safe and effective as any other shot we already get, such as typhoid and diphtheria,” said Brown. “Getting the vaccine to our high risk people is the right thing to do. This is another very important protective measure to keep our forces fit, flying and fighting.”

## Concert

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award in 1990, Restless Heart is well-known for its cross-genre hits both on the country and adult contemporary hit list. In 1986, the group’s first chart-topping song, “I’ll Still Be Loving You,” crossed over to be the No. 3 hit on the adult contemporary hit parade and at No. 33 on the pop list for the year.

“Being a huge fan of military aircraft, I

can’t tell you how excited I am to be able to get up close and personal with our armed forces and the equipment they use,” commented John Dittrich, the drummer for Restless Heart. “I am proud to be able to entertain our service men and women who are on the front lines of our country’s defense and who make huge sacrifices to ensure that we here at home can enjoy the freedoms that we do.”

Operation Seasons Greetings may mean a

little something extra to people from or departing to Georgia. The show’s emcee, television broadcaster Mary Therese, is bringing e-mail addresses from students in middle Georgia to share with students at Spangdahlem for “Operation Pen Pal.” She will do a follow-up story on people who will be stationed in Georgia in the future and are able to meet their pen pals.

In addition, after the show Mary Therese

will videotape people holiday greetings for those who have families in middle Georgia. The greetings will be aired during the holidays.

Warming up the audiences for the seven-stop, 14-day tour are top-notch professional musicians from the Band of the Air Force Reserve and U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band. (Air Force Reserve Command News Service)



# Eifel Elite



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Senior Airman Tyrone L. Carr, 606th Air Control Squadron maintenance controller, is this week's Top Saber Performer.

## Top Saber Performer

**Name:** Senior Airman Tyrone L. Carr  
**Unit:** 606th Air Control Squadron maintenance controller  
**Hometown:** Detroit, Mi.  
**Years in Service:** Four  
**Past base assignments:** Warner-Robins Air Force Base, Ga.  
**Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** "Senior Airman Carr coordinates with squadron operations and maintenance personnel to ensure all Ground Tactical Air Control System equipment is ready to control 52nd Fighter Wing and NATO aircraft."  
**Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits:** Airman Against Drunk Driving and American Red Cross volunteer.  
**What do you do for fun? Or, what's a fun thing you've done lately?** Bowling, weight lifting and working on my car.  
**What do you like most about being stationed here?** I enjoy the weather, the German cuisine and the scenery.  
**What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base?** I'd like to see the addition of a heated indoor pool to the base fitness center.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Members of the 606th Air Control Squadron security detail make up this week's Top Saber Team.

## Top Saber Team

**Unit name:** 606th Air Control Squadron security detail  
**Unit responsibilities:** Provides security for squadron when deployed to bare-base environment.  
**Number of members:** 21  
**Team's latest contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:** Wing commander's first choice to augment the 52nd Security Forces Squadron during EURO-LIGHTING Operational Readiness Inspection. Integrated into various security and law enforcement patrols that enhanced all facets of the wing's force protection and resource protection programs. Provided security 24 hours, seven-days weekly by controlling entry to the base and its restricted areas. Manned heavy weapons positions as security over-watch, and aided emergency response units during real world and exercise incidents.  
**Team's other contributions throughout the year:** Augmented 52nd SFS numerous times, providing real-world security for people and property on Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex. Also, during heightened force protection conditions, 606th ACS augmentees provided armed response, directed vehicle and pedestrian traffic on base, and guarded \$20 million aircraft.

# Wing gains 59 CCAF degree holders at fall graduation

Fifty-nine wing airmen walked across the stage to claim their Community College of the Air Force degree Nov. 14 during the Fall 2002 graduation ceremony at the Saber Club. Officials awarded the following individuals with associate's degrees:

### Senior master sergeant

Rick L. Shaner, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

### Master sergeants

Anthony W. Bunch, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Gerard Cylin, 52nd Maintenance Group; Dawn M. Keeler, 52nd Fighter Wing; Joe W. Lemke, 606th Air Control Squadron; Gregory A. Mann, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Kenneth E. McClure, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Michael K. Rathmann, 52nd FW; and Robert E. Rentz, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

### Technical sergeants

Howard T. Bailey, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; James

G. Barnes, 22nd Fighter Squadron; Kenneth L. Childre, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Billie C. Cox, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Eric R. Hannah, 52nd CMS; Patrick I. Holder, 52nd CES; Scott A. Holland, 52nd CMS; Ernest C. LeGrande, 52nd AMXS; Bruce McKenzie, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; James R. Mullins, 52nd LRS; David W. Scott, 52nd MSS; Scott A. Stewart, 52nd MSS; Corwin G. Walks, 52nd FW; and Eric S. Whittington, 52nd AMXS.

### Staff sergeants

Christopher S. Beery, 52nd EMS; Jennifer S. Brown, 52nd Communication Squadron; Anthony P. Carrender, 52nd LRS; James J. Connors, 52nd LRS; James L. Cook, Jr., 52nd CS; Laura L. Dahlke, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 518; Dustin Dedmore, 372nd Training Squadron, Training Det. 17; Nick J. Deojay, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Roger A. Englehart, 52nd AMXS; Jeffrey A. Garcia, 52nd MSS; Rolando A. Guerrero, 52nd MDOS; Michael W.

Hager, 52nd CES; Jason M. Howsare, 52nd SFS; Susanne A. Jeffries, 52nd CS; Lonney C. Johnson, 52nd MSS; Thomas A. Jones, 372nd TRS, Training Det. 17; David A. Key, 606th ACS; Jordan Lawrence, 52nd MDOS; Samuel J. McClellan, 22nd FS; Daniel L. Moore, 372nd TRS, Training Det. 17; Yvonne A. Nollmann, 52nd CES; Scott T. Palmer, 52nd MDOS; Gerald T. Peterson Jr., 52nd LRS; Toby B. Roach, 52nd EMS; Juan C. Santos, 52nd MXG; George G. Telesh II, 52nd CES; Jacob L. Tenney, 52nd CES; and Tracy L. Waga, 52nd FW.

### Senior airmen

Michael S. Brown, 852nd Mission Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany; Jessica M. Harland, 52nd CMS; John W. Maine, 52nd EMS; Sunil Rajan, 52nd SFS; Harold Lugo Rivera, 606th ACS; and James C. Spinner, 52nd EMS.

### Airman first class

Kira S. Serna, 52nd SVS.

# 606th ACS journeyman takes ALS Class 03-1 top honors

By Staff Sgt. Latitia R. Austin  
Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Cynthia M. Butler received top honors from Airman Leadership School Class 03-1. During the Nov 7 graduation ceremony, the 606th Air Control Squadron member received the John L. Levitow and Leadership awards.

Senior Airman Cynthia L. Lewis of the 52nd Services Squadron received the class academic achievement award. Distinguished

graduates were Lewis and Curtis R. Jackson, 23rd Fighter Squadron. The other 30 senior airmen graduating were:

### Falcon Flight

Ricardo Alvarez, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; Denise M. DeJesus, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Anthony G. Eaves, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Brussels, Belgium; Robert H. Hale II, 52nd CMS; Jakonise Jones, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Eduard Morales, 52nd

SFS; Shawn M. Neighbor, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Dawn S. Powers, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron; Shawn Riley, 52nd AMXS; Gail Sesker, 52nd Communications Squadron; Adam M. Steinmetz, 52nd AMXS; Timothy T. Stewart, 52nd SFS; Rafael C. Villanis, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

### Warthog Flight

Sonja Bragg, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Joseph L. Burton, 52nd AMXS;

Kristin M. Carrington, 52nd AMXS; Nicholas S. Ehman, 52nd CMS; Daniel J. Foley IV, 52nd CMS; Bradley Hancock, SHAPE; Oscar M. Hernandez, Jr., 752nd Munitions Support Squadron; Traves Humpherys, 52nd SFS; Curtis R. Jackson, 23rd Fighter Squadron; William Jones, 52nd AMXS; Juliann Kuhn, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Crystal L. Lafoon, 52nd AMXS; Israel Lerma, 52nd CES; Wendy Mauldin, 52nd AMXS; Clifford A. Millette, 52nd AMXS; Christine M. Smith, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron.



# Wing firefighters take the heat

## Competitors 'feel the burn' at Air Force challenge in Fla.

By Karen Abeyasekere

Article and photos by 100th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs Office

Five Spangdahlem Air Base firemen joined other world-class firefighters Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 at Deerfield Beach, Fla., when they met for the Firefighter Combat Challenge, World Challenge XI.

The firefighters, along with other U.S. Air Forces in Europe teams from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Royal Air Force. Mildenhall, England, qualified at the regional finals held at Ramstein AB, Sept. 28. They then headed to Florida to represent the Air Force among teams from civilian fire departments from all over the United States and Canada.

Fifty-six members from nine different Air Force bases participated in the event, including Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and the No. 1 team -- both in the Air Force and United States -- Travis AFB, Calif.

Tech. Sgt. Jason Theriault, Staff Sgts. Thomas Wiley and Matthew McQuaig, Senior Airman Arturo Moreno and Airman 1st Class Mizaël Payan, trained hard and had been looking forward to participating in the world challenge.

"Not only were we competing, but we got to watch others compete, which has been a great learning experience for us," said Wiley.

Referred to as, "the toughest two minutes in sports," the challenge aims to simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by competing on a linked series of five fire-scene tasks.

Wearing full bunker gear and breathing apparatus -- and battling it out in scorching temperatures reaching 90 degrees, with humidity up to 88 percent -- the firefighters had to climb to the top of a five story hydraulic tower (63 steps) carrying a 45-pound hose pack, at all times racing against another individual or team.

They then had to hoist a 50-pound hose roll to the top of the tower, run down the stairs and leap onto a Keiser sled, simulating a chopping action by swinging a nine-pound mallet and hitting the 165-pound metal sled backwards five feet.

The firefighters then had to run 140-feet between simulated hydrants and run back 75 feet carrying a pressurized hose, switching it on to shoot a target once they reached a simulated doorway. The last part of the course involves dragging a life-sized, 175-pound mannequin 100 feet to cross the finish line.

And the goal is to do it all (both relay and individually) in less than two minutes.

The Spangdahlem team, competing only in the relay event, ran their relay in 1:38.03 and placed 38 out of 55 teams listed. Many more initially started the challenge, but didn't qualify for the next round.



**Staff Sgt. Matthew McQuaig, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, hoists a 50-pound hose to the top of the tower during a relay event.**

Working together as a team is essential and the firefighters each bring to it their own particular strengths.

"I feel that I bring my personal and mental strengths to the team," said Wiley. "Those strengths I don't have, the other members do, because that's what a team does--balance each other out."

"We have been able to grow as a team and learn about each other in a short amount of time," said Theriault, adding that his strength was coordinating all the items for the team and trying to keep them motivated during the events.

"The team worked hard all year to qualify for the USAFE finals," said Chief Master Sgt. George Chambers, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief.

"Qualifying for the world championships was a real bonus;



**Tech. Sgt. Jason Theriault, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, aims a hose at a target during a relay race Oct. 30.**

that was the drive for them--to gain the experience will help the team be better prepared for next year's championships," he said.

Chambers said that his team had been given a lot of support and training from members of Travis AFB, and that his team had been rooting for Travis and were happy when they (Travis) came in second in the world challenge and placed first overall in the United States.

"Team Travis has given us a great deal of support over the last few months--especially Mike Melton," said Chambers.

"This has been a great opportunity for us and shows the teamwork, physical fitness and dedication our (Air Force) teams have -- the same as their civilian counterparts," said Chief Master Sgt. Carl Glover, Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency fire protection program manager.

"It's a great morale booster and gets the attention our teams deserve, showing them to be world class (last) week, all Air Force teams had relay times under two minutes. That's incredible," said Glover.

Though the team battled valiantly in the heat, they were knocked out in the first qualifying round, but they were glad to have had both the opportunity and experience gained competing in World Challenge XI.

"This opportunity for me is like a dream come true," said Theriault. "Not many teams in the Air Force get to compete at these events, so being here and meeting so many people, has been an experience I will never forget."

## Local AAFES makes change for improved service

By Rosie Schmitz

Spangdahlem Air Base  
Consolidated Exchange Office

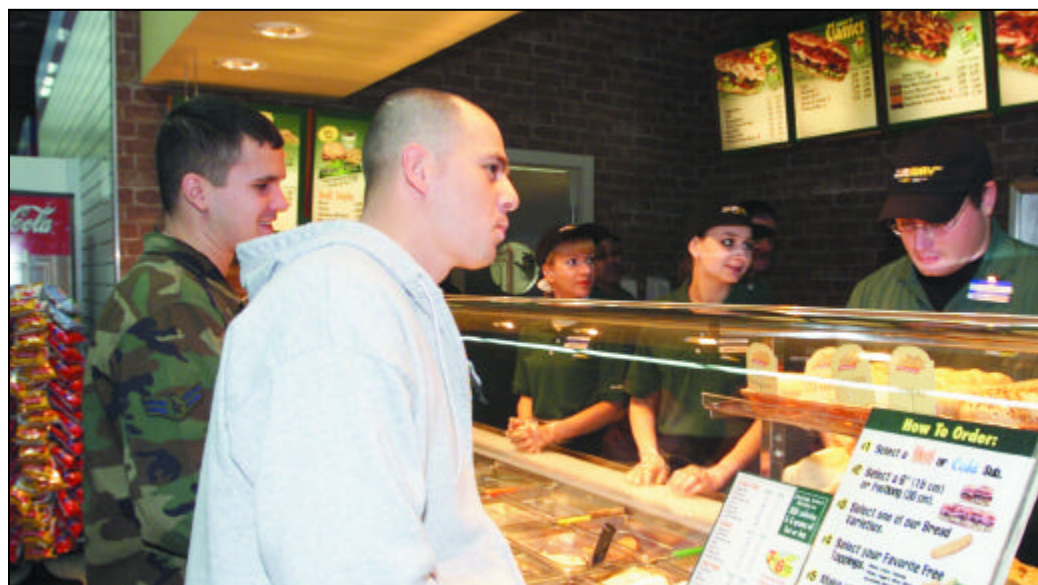
Shoppers have probably noticed the flurry of activity going on in exchange operations throughout the Eifel. Army Air Force Exchange Service is making a number of changes to improve local shopping experiences and provide the Eifel military community the service it wants.

On Spangdahlem Air Base, the car care center and main exchange renovations are complete. Both stores now offer an expanded merchandise selection and a cleaner, brighter shopping environment. That's just the beginning, though.

The Bitburg Main Store is currently undergoing a total upgrade to include new tile, carpet and fixtures.

The upgrade also includes some needed department moves. Box Office Video will relocate to the front of the shoppette and the linens department will move to the main exchange, resulting in easier customer access.

Finally, the cashier's cage and customer



**Airman 1st Class Brett W. Benoit, left, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Airman 1st Class Elviss Gardner, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, are the first customers on opening day at Spangdahlem Air Base's new Subway. The new concession, which opened Nov. 7 in the BXtra, offers a variety of hot and cold sandwiches.**

service will combine services and relocate to provide one-stop services.

In addition to the ongoing Bitburg Annex

project, construction is now complete on the Subway in the Spangdahlem BXtra. The Spangdahlem AB Subway features the same

menu as is currently being offered by stateside shops. Subway is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight.

The start of the new year will also bring a number of additional changes for base shoppers. Spangdahlem Bookmark will expand and the Vescovi Cafe' will relocate to the BXtra. Box Office Video will move to the front of the Bxtra and the health and beauty care, home storage and hardware departments will be expanded. In order to make room for these improvements, the outdoor living and toy departments will relocate to the Bitburg Annex furniture store.

Another planned relocation takes place for GNC. This health supplements shop will move from its current location to share the same shop as Willi Geck on Spangdahlem AB.

As AAFES continues to improve its operations, they ask that customers please excuse the temporary inconveniences that the renovations and relocations will cause. Once completed, Eifel shoppers will find improved customer service and stores that better meet their needs.





Photos by Karen Z. Silcott

Left: Members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 52nd Fighter Wing, not shown, place wreaths in front of the installation flag pole in remembrance of all veterans during the Veteran's Day ceremony held Nov. 8 on Spangdahlem Air Base. The wreaths were later relocated to the Airmen's Memorial near the base front entrance. Right: Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing attending the ceremony render honors as wing members sing the national anthem. The singers were Tech. Sgt. Robert O'Dell and Staff Sgt. Harry Bounds of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Aimee Zick and Staff Sgt. Jeaneen Crawshaw of the 52nd Comptroller Squadron.

## Spangdahlem Air Base ceremony honors vets



Left: Senior Airman Richard Williams, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, plays "Taps" near the end of the ceremony. Right: Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard stand at attention as they await their cue to present the colors for the singing of the national anthem.

## Egress: Specialists arm jet seats with explosive power to help pilots 'bail out' of aircraft emergencies

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Rarely is a seat thought of as a means of escape, but it's the only way out for pilots experiencing a serious aircraft emergency. Only as a last resort will a pilot pull the large yellow handles, engaging the explosive charges mounted to jet's seat frame. From there, the experience most often becomes a rude, jarring blur. Within 1.8 seconds the jet canopy blasts open, or completely off. The seat jettisons out and away from the aircraft, the parachute opens and the seat falls away from the pilot. Egress has done its job.

Egress specialists of the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron ensure wing jet ejection systems remain in top working order. Performing regularly scheduled maintenance, such as changing out the explosive charges, takes a majority of the specialist's day, according to Master Sgt. Bennie Lowe, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron egress section superintendent.

Shop members coordinate with maintenance and flight schedulers to take full advantage of aircraft downtime by performing ejection systems maintenance at the same time, said Lowe. Like phantoms, egress specialists sweep in and off the flightline, often undetected, to work on ejection systems when few others are around.

"We don't get noticed much because we pull the seat after the pilots leave the flightline and then do our maintenance in the shop," said Senior Airman Jayson Blackledge, egress



Airman 1st Class Spencer Hurd, left, Airman 1st Class Marcus Capers, right, inspect an F-16 ejection seat while Staff Sgt. Frederic Daniels evaluates the new egress specialists on following proper procedures.

specialist. "Then we come back and install the seat before sortie preparations begin."

Inside the cockpit, the seat looks small and unimposing, much like a padded roller coaster seat. However, removed from its tight perch, the seat's true nature is revealed. Electrical boxes, wires, a tissue-box sized computer and explosive tubes hug the seat's frame.

Egress specialists don't choose to work on the seat or jet canopy in-shop because they don't like the outdoors. The ejection system demands clean, dry conditions. Additionally, the specialist and the system being maintained must be grounded to prevent static sparks from charging the explosives. The system is deactivated using pins and switches.

Safety is a constant concern. Specialists follow the "demand and response concept," which requires two specialists to work together when maintaining or repairing ejection systems.

"One person reads the tasking order and the other works the task," explained Blackledge. "This ensures the job is done safely and properly."

Technical school is just the start of egress maintenance training. After arriving at their first assignment, airmen undergo 18 months of supervised upgrade training and testing before qualifying for skilled journeyman status. Upon promotion, egress specialists can work on Air Force fighters, bombers, attack and the U-2 surveillance aircraft because jet aircraft ejection systems are similar, said Blackledge.

When egress specialists aren't in training, they're training others on how to safely work around ejection systems, said Lowe. Everyone on the flightline gets initial systems familiarization training and annual refresher training. Pilots get trained on using ejection systems during flight training. However, it's training that pilots hope they never have to use.

"When I worked at Dyess Air Force Base, New Mexico, a four-man crew had to eject from their aircraft. Three of the guys blacked out. The one who didn't, couldn't recall what had happened because he said it all happened so fast. He was just grateful he and his crew got out because the system worked," said the 17-year egress shop veteran.





## Community Mailbox

### Holiday bazaar news

The Eifel Holiday Bazaar 2002 takes place today from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Hangars 1 and 2.

The event, sponsored by the 52nd Services Squadron, features more than 130 vendors from all over Europe. Proceeds benefit the Eifel military community. Strollers aren't allowed.

Bus transportation to the bazaar will be available each day of the event. Beginning noon today, a shuttle bus runs from base lodging to the Spangdahlem AB housing area each half hour until 8:30 p.m. Saturday shuttle service begins at lodging and runs at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. Sunday, shuttle service runs at 11:30 a.m., 1:50 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

### Family support center news

The following workshops take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-9491 to register.

■Preseparation consultation, Monday and Nov. 25 from 9-10:30 a.m.

■Predeployment briefing for active-duty and family members, Tuesday and Nov. 26 from 8-9 a.m.

■Sponsorship training, Thursday from 3-4:30 p.m.

■Stamping class, Nov. 27 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

■Resume writing, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The following workshops take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001.

■Creative critters, Monday and Nov. 25 from 10-11 a.m.

■Career profiling, Nov. 26 from 1-3:30 p.m.

■Personal communications class, Nov. 27 from 6-8 p.m.

### La Leche League

The La Leche League meets Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Meetings, which take place the third Wednesday of each month, are open to mothers who are interested in, or are currently breastfeeding. Nurslings and children are

welcome. For more information, call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555.

### Scrapbooking

People who enjoy creating scrapbooks are encouraged to attend a "scrapbooking bee" Saturday from 4-10 p.m. in the Bitburg Elementary School cafeteria. Participants should bring their supplies and snacks. Call 06561-941951 for details.

### Chili contest

The 52nd Fighter Wing Top 3 chili cook-off takes place Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Spangdahlem Air Base main exchange. Prizes will be awarded for the hottest, best tasting and most original recipes. Judging starts at 10:30 a.m. and serving starts at 11 a.m. There is no entry fee, but chili must be edible to enter. Proceeds of sales go toward Operation Warmheart. Call Senior Master Sgt. Paul Cole at 452-6367 for more information.

### Childcare class

American Red Cross babysitter's training course takes place Nov. 23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Registration deadline is Wednesday. Cost is \$25. Call 452-9440 or 452-9241 for more information.

### Skills development

The following craft classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register for classes at least on week in advance at the Craft Corner store in the base community activity center. Call 452-4141 for more information.

■Rubber stamped gift tags, Nov. 22 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

■Holiday scrapbooks, Nov. 25 from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$20, plus supplies.

### Operation Warmheart

First sergeants and wing chaplains are accepting cash donations for Operation Warmheart. Donation canisters are located throughout the base in orderly rooms, the clubs, lodging offices and at the post offices. The OWH program provides financial assistance for holiday meals to families who are having a difficult time making ends meet. Call unit first sergeants or the base chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

### Angel Tree

Angel Tree offers wing members the opportunity to anonymously donate winter holiday gifts for children who are less fortunate.

Trees with angel cards, which specify donations needed, go up Thursday in the base exchanges, both chapels and the BXtra. Call Master Sgt. Scott Collins at 452-6390 or first sergeants for more information.

### MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers meet the first and third Monday monthly from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 139. For details, call the chapel at 452-6711 or 0656561-6711 or send an e-mail to spangmops@yahoo.com.

### SES news

■The play, "No Turkey for Perky," shows at the PTSA membership meeting Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Elementary School cafeteria. The annual Thanks-For-Giving Potluck dinner, honoring school volunteers, will also take place that evening.

■Parent seminars take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Nov. 23 in various locations throughout the school. Topics include making friends, positive discipline, homework without tears, enhancing self esteem, emotional development and more. Childcare is provided. Call 452-6881 or 452-7205 for more information.

■A special Thanksgiving dinner for 52nd Security Forces Squadron members who will be on duty Thanksgiving Day takes place Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. in the information center.

### EDIS news

■Educational and Developmental Intervention Services provides information on age-appropriate developmental toys Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Spangdahlem Air Base main exchange.

■Infant and toddler developmental screenings take place each first, third and fifth Monday monthly from 9-11 a.m. in the EDIS clinic. The clinic is in Spangdahlem Air Base building 161. EDIS also offers screenings each second and fourth Monday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 452-8238 for more information.

### Library news

■Children's storytime, each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex Library. Call 452-9056 for details.

■"I am Thankful for ..." essay contest. Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex libraries accept essays now through Nov. 28. All entries will be judged by age category. Call 452-6203 or 452-6970 for more information.

■Reading group, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at the

Bitburg Annex Library. Meet with others the last Tuesday of each month who are reading featured books. November's book is, "Stones from the River," by Ursula Hegi. Call 452-9056 for details.

### Hanukkah service

The Hanukkah menorah lighting service takes place Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel. A small reception follows the service. Call Master Sgt. David Berry at 452-6294 for details.

### Dorm baskets

Dorm basket project coordinators accept home-baked cookies Saturday from 7-9 a.m. at the Spang Club. Volunteers to put together the baskets should arrive at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 01605-850789.

### Revised base shuttle schedule

The revised base shuttle schedule is in effect Monday. Visit <http://intranet/wing-sites/bulletin/newshuttle.doc> (no hyphen or space) for a copy.

### Travel information

The "Panther Paws 2001-2002" travel guide is available at the Spangdahlem Air Base BXtra, the Bitburg Annex exchange and at Heidelberg BookMarks for \$10. The guide provides restaurant, hotel and activity information, and travel hints by 81st Fighter Squadron spouses.

### CDC news

■The Spangdahlem Air Base Child Development Center now has a program for children 3 years old who have not yet been potty trained. This program provides transition for children who have outgrown the toddler room and will still benefit from the smaller group side, while completing potty training. For more information, call 452-6697.

■The Bitburg Annex Child Development Center now offers a part-day class program for children 2 years old. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:45-11:15 a.m. in building 2002. Children do not have to be potty-trained. For details, call 452-9212.

### Extended duty childcare

The waiver of the parent co-payment for extended duty family childcare is extended through Dec. 29. That means the program is free for parents who require childcare during extended duty hours. Call Connie Wilson at 452-9022 or 452-9274 for more information.

## Der Markt

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## Leader's perspective

### Show appreciation with the gift of service

By Capt. Brant Folken  
52nd Fighter Wing Manpower and Organization Office chief

Everyone in the military has their own reason for joining the Air Force. Some people join for the adventure, some join for the educational benefits.

The reason I joined is to give something back to the United States. I figured I owed something to the country that allowed me to grow up without the worries a lot of other countries have to deal with.

There are many things I owe the United States for, here are just a few:

I owe the United States for 12 years of school.

Many Americans take for granted how good we have it. Growing up in America, I had opportunities that many children around the world do not. For one, I was guaranteed an education. Some places in the world people are not allowed to go to school based on gender or race; other places school is not available for everyone. The United States has made an education a basic right for its citizens, money is available for everyone to get to school.

I owe the United States for my life.

Growing up I did not have to worry about war in

my back yard. I lived in the same house from the time I came home from the hospital until I left for college. Around the world there are places where civil war and conflict are a way of life. Every day people in these areas die or become refugees forced to flee the destruction of their home. Excluding terrorist acts, which I think are more criminal acts than acts of war, Americans have not had to worry about warfare in their backyards since the civil war almost 130 years ago.

I owe the United States for my safety and security.

I spent my childhood underneath the shadow of the cold war. The USSR finally called it quits the winter of my freshman year of college. While I was growing up, America's military stood at the front lines ready to meet the challenge of the Soviet Threat. Today our military is the finest in the world and continues to protect us. The military works hard to protect our interests abroad and close at home.

I owe the United States for my college.

When I was very young, my mother passed away. Fortunately in America there is Social

Security. My father was able to collect my mother's Social Security survivor benefits to help pay for my childcare while he worked. Some places around the world, single parents faced with a similar situation would have to quit a job to care for their children. Without a job these single parents have to live in poverty living at the mercy of others. In America, my father was able to keep his job; in fact, he was able to save enough of my mother's Social Security benefits to pay for my four years of college.

For all these reasons and more, I signed up for Air Force ROTC my freshman year. Most of my fellow cadets' reasons for being there was the fact they were offered a scholarship. I chose to join AFROTC because I thought it would be the best way to pay back what America gave me. Every day I am proud to wear the Air Force uniform.

I hope all of you are equally proud. The United States has done so much for you in your life, more than you probably realize. You serve in the world's greatest Air Force and are a citizen of the world's greatest country. Whatever your reason for joining, I am proud to serve with you.

## Chief's view

### Chief offers insight into mysterious leadership group

By Chief Master Sgt. Brian Ward  
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Ever wonder where the chief master sergeants are when they're "out coordinating" or doing "chief stuff"? We went undercover to try and penetrate this mysterious and revered group to find out what the chiefs really are up to when they're not at work.

Here are some of our findings.

When we caught up with Chief Master Sgt. George Chambers and Chief Master Sgt. Scott Aris, Chief's Group president and vice president, respectively, they were in the midst of conducting the Senior NCO leadership seminar for newly selected master sergeants. The chiefs organize this course annually to highlight the significance for those entering the SNCO corps and to prepare them to make the transition. They plan it to end with the formal SNCO induction ceremony sponsored by the wing Top 3 organization.

An important component of the course was hearing from Col. Stephen Mueller, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, Col. Thomas Groznik, wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth McQuiston, the wing command chief master sergeant.

The class also had the opportunity to ask questions from separate panels of commanders, chiefs, and airmen about issues on their minds. Chiefs and other subject matter experts taught specific courses on subjects such as Air Force core values, discipline, legal issues, the SNCO promotion evaluation, enlisted performance reports and the rating process. Comments from attendees show the class was a great success and benefit.

Although reluctant to acknowledge their role in many aspects of support to the enlisted force and wing, we were able to wrangle out some of the other activities the chiefs are involved in on an ongoing basis.

Chiefs support a mentorship program for every airman leadership school class. A chief is assigned to each seminar and they visit the students at various times throughout the course to offer their perspective on issues or course material they are learning.

Chiefs also sponsor the academic achievement award given at every airman leadership school graduation and are active in the NCO professional development course. As part of this course, they participate in a chief's panel and also sponsor a luncheon where the troops can ask or talk about anything they have on their minds.

I'm sure you've also seen the chiefs at the summer and winter bazaars selling their famous shwank steaks marinated in their secret recipe sauce. Contrary to popular myth, the chiefs don't pay for their parties ("pow-wows") with this money, instead it's used to help fund the annual chief induction ceremony, to buy a

mess dress for the 52nd FW NCO of the Year and to fund many of the other awards and requests for support from base organizations in need.

Probably most importantly for us, the chiefs use their time to bring up issues with commanders and others concerning enlisted issues that affect the enlisted morale and development and all those areas that fall under these areas. They also ask their fellow chiefs to resolve issues for their troops quickly or highlight problems for resolution at higher levels.

Unfortunately our investigation was unable to uncover any other information about the chiefs' other closely held customs and ceremonies, such as the steeped in mystery "tribunals" or the locations of their "pow-wows," where they meet informally to keep the bonds between them strong.

When asked about such matters, all this team had to say was, "They'll find out when they become a chief!"

### Eifel region extends support, friendship to military community

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

A meeting of the Spangdahlem Information Forum, which includes base leadership and local politicians, took place recently at the Wittlich area administration building.

During the meeting, local politicians assured 52nd Fighter Wing leaders of their support to the base. The mayors will continue to improve the local housing market to help provide military

members quality rental homes.

The area mayor of Wittlich, The Honorable Christoph Holkenbrink, emphasized the fact that the local German community enjoys living together with its American neighbors. The mayor extended an invitation to base members to enjoy Wittlich area activities and take a tour of the area administration building.

The administrative building features a hand-carved wooden statue in the hallway, which was

created by a talented Spangdahlem village resident, expresses the solidarity felt by Eifel residents after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Spangdahlem Information Forum meetings take place regularly and serve a good exchange of information and ideas between the local German and American communities.

For more information about the Wittlich area, call the base community relations office at 452-6434 or 452-7161.



Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

Bitburg Castle

Today

*Sweet Home Alabama* (PG-13)

Fashion designer Melanie Carmichael has found success and love in New York City, and is engaged to one of the city's most eligible bachelors. But Melanie has a secret — she was married once before, and her husband, Jake who she left behind when she left Alabama, refuses to divorce her. Melanie is forced to return home to try and change his mind. (Adult situations.)

Saturday

*XXX* (PG-13)

Xander "XXX" Cage is recruited by NSA Agent Gibbons to go undercover and infiltrate a Russian crime ring. If he refuses, he will be sent to jail. XXX takes the job and travels to Prague, where he helps uncover the plan to use a biological weapon dubbed Silent Night. (Violence, sensuality, drug content and language.)

Sunday

*Sweet Home Alabama*

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

*Serving Sara* (PG-13)

When Sara is served divorce papers while she is in New York, she is stunned. Not about to lose the fortune she amassed with her self-serving Texas husband, she makes an offer to her process server, Joe that sets them off on a wild trip across the country. (Crude humor, sexual content and language.)

Thursday

*XXX*

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

*Red Dragon* (R)

After capturing Dr. Hannibal Lecter, former FBI agent Will Graham is recruited by the agency to help track down a new killer who has slaughtered entire families. To do this, he has to work with the imprisoned Lecter, with whom he shares a unique relationship. (Violence, grisly images, language, nudity and sexuality.)

*Fear Dot Com* (R, 10 p.m.)

If you click "yes" - and you know you want to - you'll be logged on to the internet site feardot.com, and the game begins. What follows is a miasma of hellish images that leave unsuspecting voyeurs suffering from morbid hallucinations and unspeakable terror. (Images of torture, nudity and language.)

Saturday

*Minority Report* (PG-13)

In Washington D.C. in 2054, police utilize psychic technology to arrest and convict murderers before they commit their crime. However, problems ensue when head of the pre-crime unit is accused of the future murder of a man he never met! (Violence, language, sexuality and drug content.)

*Red Dragon* (10 p.m.)

Sunday

*Ice Age* (G)

Monday

*Red Dragon*

Tuesday

*Fear Dot Com*

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# Learn about birth of socialism at Karl Marx's childhood home

## Trier museum houses controversial writings of communist leader

By Iris Reiff  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Germany's oldest city, Trier, boasts a rich and diverse history from pre-historical settlements to Roman and French rule. However, not everyone knows amongst its historical fame, it is also the birthplace of the founder of modern socialism.

Karl Marx was born in Trier in 1818. His birthplace is open to the public as a museum. The house is a typical middle-class baroque dwelling built in 1727. On April 1, 1818, Heinrich Marx, who was a lawyer, rented the house and on May 5, the same year, his son Karl was born there.

In October 1819 the family moved to a smaller house, which is located on Simeonstrasse No. 8, not far from the market square. Marx lived there until he finished his school exams in 1835. A plaque commemorating this historical fact marks the house.

In 1928, the German Social Democratic Party was able to acquire the birthhouse, located on Brueckenstrasse No. 10, out of private hands for 100,000 gold-marks.

In 1930-1931, the house, which had previously served as a residential and commercial building, was restored. The plan was then to open up the Karl Marx's birthplace as a memorial to Marx and Engels; however, this plan had to be postponed due to a tense economical and political situation at the time.

After the power seizure by the Nazis, the house was occupied at the beginning of May 1933 and expropriated. Until 1945, the house was used by the Nazis and their newspaper, the Nationalblatt publication, was printed here.



File photo by Iris Reiff

The Karl-Marx House attracts thousands of visitors annually. The house is rather ordinary for Trier and blends in well with its surrounding. To get there, from the Porta-Nigra, walk up the pedestrian zone to the market square. From here, take Fleischstrasse which is the road furthest to the right from Hauptmarkt. Continue walking straight on Fleischstrasse the next auto intersection. Cross the road and keep walking straight to Brueckenstrasse. The Karl Marx House is located on Brueckenstrasse No. 10. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. There is a small entry fee to the museum.

After World War II, the social democratic party was given their property back and together with the International Committee for the Reconstruction of the Marx/Engels Museum in Trier, organized the restoration of the house as a memorial.

With the 150th anniversary of Marx's birthday on May 5, the Karl Marx House has been presented as a museum, library, research institute, and center of international gathering under the auspices of the Friedrich Spee Foundation.

In 1982, the house was thoroughly renovated and reopened as Karl-Marx-House Museum in 1983. The permanent part of the exhibition, the "Works and Lives of Karl Marx," takes up the most space in the house and it completely occupies the whole of the first and second floors. In detail, the display features

thematically classified documents, illustrations and texts on large wall-charts.

On the second floor, the charts are complemented by original documents and publications displayed in glass show-cases.

Rooms 11 and 12 are recommended by the museum for view because here, the stages of the lives of Marx and Engels are documented. Room 11 is where Karl Marx was born.

In Room 21, the history and development of Marx's communist theory, from its first wording in the "Communist Manifesto" up to the division of Marxism into Leninism and democratic socialism in 1971, is documented.

A study center, which is located only a few blocks away from the Karl Marx House, offers a library, research and international communications center.

## Sports Shorts

### Falcons claim victory in championship game

By Johnny Collett  
Eifel Falcons coach

It was a fantastic culmination to a great season as the Eifel Falcons football team captured the Germany Pop Warner Championship Saturday with a 28-0 victory over the visiting Rhein Main Dolphins.

With the sun stubbornly peeking out between occasional rain clouds, the Falcons crushing defense led by Chris Ramos forced the Dolphins to punt on their first two possessions.

Using a duel quarterback attack, the Falcons struck quickly when Josh Collett took the pitch from Gary Volk and scored on a 4-yard run. The extra point attempt failed. After both teams failed to move the ball in a slight drizzle, the Falcons had to rely on their running game.

Carrying the load was Jaques Abram who scored on a 28-yard run up the middle and then converted a 2-point conversion to give the Falcons a 14-0 halftime lead. Receiving the ball at the start of the third quarter, the Falcons quickly scored on a fabulous 68-yard run by Abrams and an extra point scramble.

When the sun finally came out, the Falcons went to the passing game and struck in spectacular fashion when Josh Collett connected with John Harrell for a 2-yard pass for the score. Jaques Abrams scored on the extra point.

Every player on the team contributed to the team's success. Congratulations to each player and the team's six coaches for a great season. The Falcons also extend a warm thanks to the parents, Eifel community, and the 52nd Fighter Wing commander for providing tremendous support this season.

### Golf

The Eifel Mountain golf course simulator is open through the winter. Players use regular golf equipment. The simulator offers play from tee to range to the rough on a golfer's choice of four world-famous golf courses. Cost is \$10 per hour. Call 452-6821 for more information.

### Recreational trips

Outdoor recreation sponsors the following trips in November and December. The minimum age for trips is 12, unless listed otherwise. Call 452-7176 or visit the shop in Spangdahlem Air Base building 146, near the Mosel Hall dining facility for more information.

■Indoor climbing wall, Nov. 23. The cost is \$30.

■Sauer River fall colors bike ride, Nov. 24. The cost is \$25 with bike rental, \$20 with own bike.

■Thanksgiving ski trip, Nov. 27-31. Costs range from \$260 to \$330. Call for details.